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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the Claim Form and Claim as follows. Insertions are shown underlined while deletions are struck through.

- 1-2 (canceled)
- 3 (currently amended): The <u>clear coated paper slipping property imparting agent</u> as described in Claim <u>16</u>, wherein said copolymer <u>further contains</u> a constituent (constituent (c)) which can be copolymerized with the unsaturated olefin (constituent (a)) and the unsaturated carboxylic acid (carboxylate) (constituent (b)), by up to 20 mol percent of the total mol number of constituents (a) and (b) combined.
- 4 (currently amended): The <u>slipping property imparting agent clear coated paper</u> as described in Claim <u>46</u>, wherein said copolymer contains 0.05 to 3 mol equivalent of alkalis per 1 mol equivalent of carboxyl groups.
- 5 (currently amended): The slipping property imparting agent clear coated paper as described in Claim 46, wherein a cumulative volume-average particle size of said copolymer is 1 to 50,000 nm.
- 6 (currently amended): A clear coated paper comprising a base paper coated with 0.001 to 1 g/m² by solid content of thea slipping property imparting agent for clear coat as described in Claim 1, said slipping property imparting agent comprising a copolymer whose constituents are unsaturated olefin (constituent (a)) and unsaturated carboxylic acid (carboxylate) (constituent (b)), wherein said copolymer contains 50 to 99 mol percent of constituent (a) and 50 to 1 mol percent of constituent (b) to the total mol number of constituents (a) and (b) combined.
  - 7-8 (canceled)
- 9 (currently amended): The <u>slipping property imparting agent clear coated paper</u> as described in Claim 3, wherein said copolymer contains 0.05 to 3 mol equivalent of alkalis per 1 mol equivalent of carboxyl groups.
  - 10 (canceled)
- 11 (currently amended): The slipping property imparting agent clear coated paper as described in Claim 3, wherein a cumulative volume-average particle size of said copolymer is 1 to 50,000 nm.

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12 (currently amended): The slipping property imparting agent clear coated paper as described in Claim 4, wherein a cumulative volume-average particle size of said copolymer is 1 to 50,000 nm.

13 (new): The clear coated paper as described in Claim 6, wherein the clear coat is an outermost layer.

14 (new): The clear coated paper as described in Claim 6, wherein the clear coat has a pH value of no less than 7.

15 (new): The clear coated paper as described in Claim 6, wherein the copolymer has a number-average molecular weight is 500-50,000.

16 (new): The clear coated paper as described in Claim 6, wherein the copolymer contains 60 to 98 mol percent of constituent (a) and 40 to 2 mol percent of constituent (b) to the total mol number of constituents (a) and (b) combined.

17 (new): The clear coated paper as described in Claim 6, wherein the unsaturated olefin (constituent (a)) is selected from the group consisting of olefin derivatives, styrene derivatives, and diene derivatives.

18 (new): The clear coated paper as described in Claim 6, wherein the unsaturated carboxylic acid (carboxylate) (constituent (b)) is selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid derivatives, methacrylic acid derivatives, maleic anhydride derivatives, maleic acid derivatives, partial esterified compounds, dicarboxylic acids, and partially or completely neutralized salts thereof.

19 (new): The clear coated paper as described in Claim 18, wherein the unsaturated carboxylic acid (carboxylate) (constituent (b)) is selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, maleic acid and maleic anhydride or their partially or completely neutralized salts.

20 (new): The clear coated paper as described in Claim 3, wherein constituent (c) is selected from the group consisting of vinyl esters, unsaturated alkyl ester carboxylates, polyoxyalkylenes, alkoxypolyalkylene glycol ester acrylates, polyoxyalkylene monovinyl ethers, alkoxyalkylene glycol mononvinyl ethers, polyoxyalkylene aryl ethers, alcoxypolyalkylene glycol aryl ethers, hydroxyl alkyl acrylates, and amide compounds.

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21 (new): The clear coated paper as described in Claim 3, wherein constituent (c) is selected from the group consisting of, dimethyl aminomethyl acrylate, dimethyl aminomethyl acrylate, diethyl aminomethyl acrylate, dimethyl aminomethyl methacrylate, dimethyl aminomethyl methacrylate, diethyl aminomethyl methacrylate, diethyl aminomethyl methacrylate, diethyl aminomethyl methacrylate, vinyl chloride, benzil acrylate, benzil methacrylate, styrene sulfonate, vinyl sulfonate, 2-acrylamide-2-methylpropane sulfonate, and vinyl pyridine.

22 (new): The clear coated paper as described in Claim 6, wherein both sides of the base paper are coated with the slipping property imparting agent.